

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claim 2. Please amend Claims 1, 3, and 4. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. (Currently Amended) An underivatized, aqueous soluble β -glucan preparation in triple helix conformation which enhances killing activity of immune cells host defense mechanisms to infection and does not induce an inflammatory response.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) An underivatized, aqueous soluble β -glucan composition in a triple helix conformation having a higher high affinity to the glucan receptors receptor on monocytes than other glucan receptor ligands and which enhances microbicidal activity of phagocytic cells and hematopoietic the hemopoietic activity of monocytes, neutrophils and platelets.
4. (Currently Amended) An underivatized, aqueous soluble β -glucan composition in a triple helix conformation which is effective in mobilizing monocytes, neutrophils or platelets the hosts normal immune defenses.